

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Walter McNutt, on January 22, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 167, 1/15/2007; HB 184,
1/15/2007; HB 200, 1/15/2007
Executive Action: HB 61

HEARING ON HB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:09 Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 167,
Revise process for adopting solid waste management
plan.

EXHIBIT(nah14a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:15 Art Compton, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:08:05 Margaret Morgan, Holcim Trident Cement Plant
00:09:20 Will Selser

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:35 Rep. Heinert
00:11:20 Rep. Hands
00:11:50 Mr. Compton
00:12:22 Rep. Ross
00:12:50 Rep. Hands
00:13:07 Rep. Lambert
00:13:39 Rep. Hands
00:14:17 Louise Moore (DEQ)
00:15:55 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:16:19 Rep. Hands
00:16:33 Rep. Ross
00:17:38 Mr. Compton
00:18:43 Rep. Barrett
00:19:15 Ms. Moore
00:19:19 Edward Thamke (DEQ)
00:21:21 Rep. Small-Eastman
00:22:26 Mr. Compton
00:22:40 Mr. Thamke
00:23:44 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:24:24 Ms. Moore
00:24:59 Rep. McNutt
00:25:55 Ms. Moore
00:28:11 Rep. Barrett
00:28:24 Ms. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:39 Rep. Hands

HEARING ON HB 184

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:00 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB
184, Protect public access to water via growth policy.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:41 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:57 Rep. Heinert
00:40:29 Rep. Jopek
00:42:08 Rep. Barrett
00:43:13 Rep. Jopek
00:45:29 Rep. Lambert
00:46:27 Rep. Jopek
00:50:03 Rep. Van Dyk
00:50:51 Rep. Jopek
00:52:37 Rep. Dickenson
00:53:09 Rep. Jopek
00:54:48 Rep. Mendenhall
00:57:00 Rep. Jopek
01:00:34 Rep. Cohenour
01:01:29 Rep. Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:59 Rep. Jopek

HEARING ON HB 200

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:12 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB
200, Expand state land classifications.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:09:24 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources &
Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:11 Rep. Lambert
01:11:26 Mr. Schultz
01:12:12 Rep. Erickson
01:12:35 Rep. Jopek
01:16:41 Rep. Mendenhall
01:17:22 Mr. Schultz
01:19:27 Krista Evans
01:20:09 Rep. Mendenhall
01:20:16 Mr. Schultz
01:20:47 Rep. Dickenson
01:21:03 Mr. Schultz
01:21:44 Rep. Heinert
01:22:39 Mr. Schultz
01:25:15 Rep. Ross
01:25:37 Mr. Schultz
01:27:30 Rep. Lambert
01:27:53 Mr. Schultz
01:28:42 Rep. Barrett
01:29:00 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:00 Rep. Jopek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 61

01:35:27 Rep. McNutt

01:36:06 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 61 **DO PASS.**

01:37:42 Break

01:45:24 **Motion:** Rep. Ross moved that HB 61 **BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (nah14a02)

Discussion

01:46:08 Rep. Erickson
01:51:08 Rep. Ross
01:51:50 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:52:13 Rep. Lambert

01:52:51 Rep. Erickson
01:53:33 Rep. Cohenour
01:54:11 Rep. Ross
01:54:45 Rep. McNutt

01:55:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion

01:58:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 61 **BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
EXHIBIT(nah14a03)

Discussion

01:59:39 Krista Evans

01:59:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:59:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 61 **DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-4 by roll call vote. Reps. Barrett, Hendrick, Lambert, and Mendenhall voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

02:01:17 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. WALTER MCNUTT, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(nah14a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(nah14a05\)](#)

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